

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to specify that the quantity of optical brightener is such that the b value is at most 7. This change was made following the helpful discussion with the Examiner on May 8, 2006 regarding the final rejection.

The allowance of Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-20 is noted with appreciation.

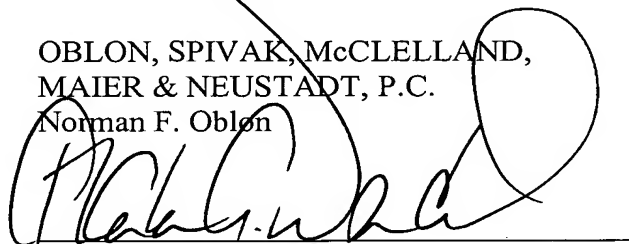
The rejection of Claims 2, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Hotoka et al is respectfully traversed. It was stated in the Response to Arguments that the b value was not recited in the rejected claims, that value now appears therein and it is believed that the claims in addition to the claims, already allowed, patentably distinguish over the art.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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